

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Janet V. & Dennis L. Dunlap 13414 U.S. Hwy 61 Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dunlap:

This letter is in response to your letters to Senator Bond, Senator Talent, and Representative Gephardt in which you support Missouri Department of Natural Resources August 7, 2003, recommendation for the St. Louis 8-hour ozone nonattainment area. The state recommendation is the first step in working cooperatively to designate areas to address regional air quality issues.

We encourage you to share your comments with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). In our December 4, 2003, letter to MDNR Director, Stephen Mahfood, we provided MDNR with an opportunity to share any further information regarding areas in question, such as Ste. Genevieve, with us by February 6, 2004. The designation will continue to be deliberated for regional and national consistency prior to the final designations being made by April 15, 2004.

We look forward to a continued dialog with Missouri to ensure that the citizens of the St. Louis area breathe healthful air. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact William Spratlin, Director, Air, RCRA, and Toxics Division, who may be reached at (913) 551-7401.

Sincerely,

James B. Gulliford Regional Administrator

